

COPYCAT- THE PROBLEM OF PLAGIARISM

Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is cheating. It is copying someone's work and calling it your own.

Examples of Cheating

- Copying information from a book, magazine or web site**
- Buying a paper or project**
- Sharing computer files**
- Copying math homework**
- Using someones ideas without giving them credit**
- Letting your science lab partner do all the work**
- Looking at another's test**
- Not doing your part in a group project**
- Turning in a paper done by a brother or sister**

How Not to be a Copycat

- Give credit when you use another person's idea, opinion, or theory**
- Give credit when you use any facts, statistics, graphs, or drawings**
- Give credit when you use another person's actual spoken or written words**
- Give credit when you paraphrase another person's spoken or written words**
- When taking notes put information you read into your own words.**

How You Get Caught

- Plagiarism websites help teachers check your work**
- Teachers do talk to one another**
- Teachers remember corrected papers**
- Teachers know your writing**